
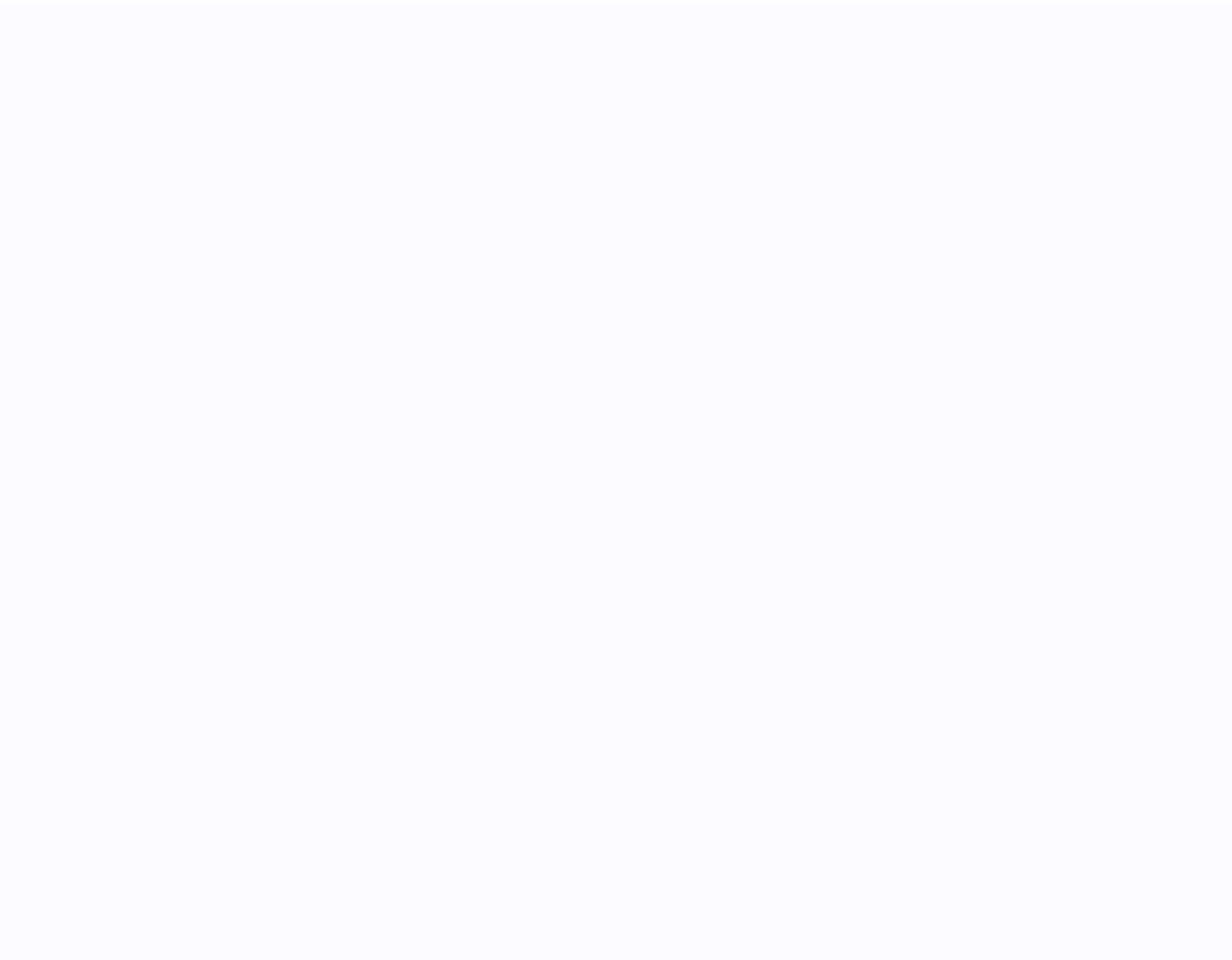


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The testament of sister new devil funimation not working

Time to bring 2019 in with a bang by watching some of Funimation's latest anime titles, including explosive titles and some surprisingly erotic stories that push the boundaries of ecchi. If you're curious about anime but haven't watched it yet, or you've been a fan for decades, funimation definitely has something to enjoy. This New Year's selection includes an excellent episode in the kid-friendly Monster Hunter Stories series, a pair of swimming dramas from the popular Free! franchise, some super violent and action-packed anime in June Taisen and Witch Hunter Robin, and the sexy side of anime in The Testament of Sister New Devil. Burst, in an uncensored version. For the uniniliated, Funimation is an American company known for their dubbis and domestic distribution of Japanese anime. So all the reviews you are about to check out are for the dub version of each anime, although some Blu-rays/DVDs have a Japanese audio option if there are some exceptions to the rule. Below you will find the official synopsis for each movie and series, along with a link to pick up your own copy at Funimation's online store, should my review convince you. Sometimes it will be an easy thing to suggest that you buy it, other times, it will be just as easy to go in the other direction. Check out my overview of funimation's home video selections from this winter season, and make sure to take a look at their 2018 summer selections, fall favourites and winter titles. Maybe you'll just find a favorite you've overlooked or a new addition to your catalog that you may have missed. The following titles from funimation's New Year's catalogue are presented at the age of the audience, the youngest first, so feel free to stop going through it once you've reached your limit: Monster Hunter Stories: Ride On – Season 1, Part 4 Monster Hunter Stories: Ride On – Season 1, Part 4 Finding the last of the Kinship Ore has become Luiten's top priority! However, both Dr. Manelger and Cheval continue to cause problems for the group, and as the legend of Redan unfolds, Blighted monsters remain a constant threat. If you haven't been keeping up with these kid-friendly adventures, thankfully, there's a summary of the story so far (or at least the most recent part of it) to kick things off in Part 4. The story of a group of children who form a kinship with monsters around the world picks up after the events in our previous summary of Part 3. Monster Hunter Stories: Ride On features super colorful, bright and cheerful animation, which is a nice change from the style that anime permeates for older audiences. In this chapter, there are some hard and kinship lessons learned between Luiten and Cheval, which are much like Naruto and Sasuke. That comparison is part of the reason this series is a great gateway anime for newcomers and kiddos. And this part of the story comes with a one Several episodes to end this run, including a powerful white dragon and its destroyed form, the Black Dread. There is an intense penultimate episode with some dire stakes, making this the best boy and his dragon story since How to Train Your Dragon. Even the preview for the next part in the series is exciting! 9/10 View via FUNimation High Speed! Free! High Speed start days! Free! Early days Before they made waves in high school, Haru and Makoto took their cues in high school! Take a dip in the past with your favorite swim boys and new faces as they learn what it means to collaborate and make new friends. I wasn't sure what to expect from the cover art and trailers, but this prequel film is a great story of male friendship, brotherhood, and camaraderie in a sports drama. The Free! flashback story takes place just like the swimmers to high school. It examines many of their fears and personal issues that affect their performance, but also shows how friendship and support help each other overcome them. While viewers might be a little lost if they haven't watched the series/movies, this is a solid standalone. (And as a bonus, the English voice cast is really, really good, too.) 8/10 Image via FUNimation Free! Take your marks for free! Take your grades As Haru and Makoto prepare to go to university, Nagisa and Rei are worried about the future of the swimming club. Could this be the end of their beloved team or can they find new recruits? Then, hilarity ensues when the guys from Samezuka hit up the hot springs! After enjoying the prequel film, I expected much more from the series itself. This movie is essentially four episodes together as a movie that acts as a sequel to Free! Eternal Summer and is the final chapter in the film trilogy. But this original story that picked up from previous adventures lacked any of the interesting drama or conflict of even the prequel series. It basically follows the swimmers as they're about to start college, but it runs on more mundane things like finding apartments and navigating some personal problems, complete with dream sequences that add a little imagination to the mix. That may sound appealing to you, but it just didn't quite work for me. 6/10 Image via FUNimation Dagashi Kashi Season 2 Dagashi Kashi Season 2 The snack pack is back, and this time they bring the toys... toys and games, that is! Just as things are raring to go, Hotaru suddenly leaves. Now that the Queen is gone, the snack kingdom crumbles and Shikada Dagashi goes from shop to hut. Now it's up to Kokonotsu to bring it back to life! Here's a series that starts with an interesting premise, but since I landed in the middle of the second season of the show, I felt a little lost. Apparently the series follows a girl, described as eccentric and busty, in an attempt to convince the son of a snack shop owner to take it the family business so she can recruit the father for her own famous snack company. That's certainly odd enough to be compelling, but it's really all about the over-the-top dramatic conversations and is predictably pervy and fan-servicey. Maybe season 1 is a little more compelling, but this was a misfire for me. 5/10 Image via FUNimation Concrete Revolutio: The Complete Series Concrete Revolutio: The Complete Series In a world of fantastical creatures, the government has formed an agency of powerful fighters to protect people with supernatural abilities. But society and government clash over defining the lines of justice. Past and future weave a web of corruption into this striking fantasmagoria where heroes are murderers, beauties are beasts, and even the bureau's only human member has something up his sleeve. This countertop anime gets off to a compelling and mysterious start, but it felt like I already missed something in the first episode. Apparently it's a bit of a spy series with some superhuman skills and things like aliens and monsters thrown into the mix. I had no idea what was going on, but it was very nice to watch as Bones' animation remains top-notch, as always. There's a lot going on and it feels like you're thrown in the middle of One Punch Man, My Hero Academia, and Sailor Moon all mixed with no backstory early. However, if you stick there, the backstory eventually begins. The Superhuman Bureau must recruit and track super-powered heroes and villains while trying to hide their existence from the general population. That's the general idea, although the series is divided between past and future timelines that muddy the waters a bit, while also giving plenty of leeway for character development. There are some really unique stories to be found here, especially for different genre stories that can range from all-out robot battles to classic adventure stories battling monsters of myth in the next episode. The series gets a little bogged down under its own weight as it adds more and more characters, and it never quite feels cohesive, but it's a super-entertaining watch just the same. 7/10 Image via FUNimation Zillion Zillion The year is 2387, and humanity is at war with a merciless alien species – the Noza. Both are vying for control of planet Maris, humanity's best chance of survival rests on three young soldiers wielding powerful handheld weapons called Zillion. This is one of the most 80s things you'll ever look at, even if you have no memory of the 80s itself. If you're a fan of Dragon Ball, Voltron or Akira, you'll instantly fall in love with the animation and design of characters. There is a typical setup for this 1987 animated series that moves west for the first time in its entirety, thanks to Funimation. In the distant future, humans have colonized nearby planets, but an alien alien threatens civilization; A team of three elite fighters (known as the White Nuts/White Knights) each armed with the gifted rifles known as Zillion are humanity's only hope, like you. Protagonist JJ looks a lot like the main character of Captain N: Game Master, who arrived 2 years later, and ladies like to shout his name over and over again. And as a product of its era, there are (naturally) transformative mecha and red-and-blue flash lights used for dramatic effect; epilepsy warning! It's a good thing that the music is as rad as it is in this show, because the theme song is used quite a bit, almost as much as different countdowns used to launch missiles and ships or signal an imminent explosion. Overall, Zillion feels a little slow because it's more episodic than serial, but it's a nice explosion to the past regardless. 6/10 Image via FUNimation Dragon Ball Super: Part 5 Dragon Ball Super: Part 5 After their first encounter with Goku Black, the Saiyan trio are itching to dish out some payback! With everyone's life on the line, the Z Fighters should face the problem head-on or try to change the timeline at source! It's been great to see the Dragon Ball Super story unfold, whether you're watching it in the original Japanese audio or funimation's English dub. This part of the story, dealing with our heroes' second run-in with Goku Black over the course of Episodes 53-65, comes with a fun mystery twist thrown in amid all the action. The gang needs to figure out why Black has a Time Ring, so they visit a parallel universe to talk to the Supreme Kai. If they don't figure out the mystery, earth's future may be doomed... Although this bow wasn't as good as the Tournament of Power arc that follows after it, it was a fun little side trip for the series, and this particular section has some interesting episodes. Dragon Ball rarely dives into mystery, so enjoy some detective work while you have it! 7/10 Image via FUNimation Nanbaka: Part Two Nanbaka Part Two Things Calm down after Jyugo's drama but when the problems start to stir in Building 5, the numbers face their deadliest challenge yet! A powerful guard has broken out of his cell and it's up to them to save Nanba. The sparkles are back! This follow-up to the first part (you read my review here) is as funny and ridiculous as the first go-round, but even more self-conscious and fourth-wall breaking than before. Part two explores Jyugo's backstory a little more and still gives the others time to shine. The mythology really kicks up a few notches here with the arranged escape of convicted and former guard Enki Gokuu, Samon's older brother. During tell friends and colleagues to betray the guards and manipulate the prisoners to achieve their own goal. So while it gets a little bogged down in what feels like a protracted battle, it's a worthy continuation of the first part. Part and there's a funny extra high school episode, a kind of murder classroom that's a bit of a satirical take.) 8/10 Image via FUNimation Gin Tama Series 3, Part 2 Gintama Series 3, Part 2 Aliens known as the Amanto have invaded Earth and taken over feudal Japan. In this strange new age, a man named Gintoki Sakata with the heart of a samurai, and the strange company he loves, have found a way to remain independent. But things get really serious when the shogun's life is in danger, and Gintoki's past comes back to haunt him. * Including 12-page art booklet featuring several fan-favorite characters Once again, it's hard jumping into a series on episode 292, which finds the team shopping for new clothes and making very clear fourth wall-breaking jokes. If I had gotten into this Odd Job anime earlier, I'm sure I'd be better acquainted with the quirky cast of characters, but meeting them so late in the game was a bit jarring. There's a lot of anime references and lots of in-jokes and pop culture references in it, but it feels like a crutch for a lack of substantial stories at times. This show is very stupid with a little action thrown in, although I do so love the music in this thing. Even boasts like The Shogun Assassin that look like they're going to have a little more meat to make them end up feeling like filler. This really didn't keep my attention at all, but I think it's just a case of landing in the middle of these episodes rather than traveling with them from the beginning. 6/10 Image via FUNimation Pop Team Epic Pop Team Epic Pop Team Epic Crude, rude, and a little ... Cute? Get ready for the zest for life of Popuko and Pipimi, the small and tall stars of Pop Team Epic. Based on the popular four-panel webcomic comes a bizarre comedy filled with much absurdity! I'm late for this party, but oh boy, I wasn't prepared for this madness. It starts out as a normal anime series, but quickly dips into the crazy thanks to the cute characters and their husky voices, getting into all sorts of ridiculous situations; this is part of Adult Swim. It's really not even worth trying to get over the story of Pop Team Epic, because there's no, not in a clear or meaningful way, anyway, it's just a bunch of random non-sequiturs, one after the other, so you'll know very soon whether that's your particular brand of humor or not. It pokes fun at famous manga, artists and fans, as well as anime and its tropes, while also completely insane, playing with wild animation styles and random asides in live action, and sometimes in French ... It's not a go-to recommendation for people who are new to anime or thinking about checking it out, but a must-watch recommendation die-hard anime fans who will pick up on all or most of the references. * As a bonus, the Extras feature some unaired versions of scenes scenes animation clips 8/10 Image via FUNimation June Taisen: Zodiac War June Taisen: Zodiac War The time has come for the deadly Twelfth June Taisen Tournament! Twelve warriors, each baring a name of the Chinese zodiac, will fight in the bloody battle royal. The victor gets one wish, and they will do whatever it takes to earn it. I love the premise: 12 elite mercenaries fight to the death in the Zodiac Tournament, located in a city where half a million people have been displaced in one night, with every competitor holding an animal in the Chinese Zodiac. It's amazing how a clean and simple starting point can really help to focus stories without being dragged down by filler or side stories. This series is virtually all-out action from the get-go with kinetic and dynamic fight scenes that get mega violent, as you'd expect, but also pretty gory. June Taisen: Zodiac War does a great job of getting you invested in individual characters, only to cut their knees out from under them (sometimes literally), which keeps the audience and the other characters on their toes. The victory or death mentally really raises the stakes, too. So tournament winner's ultimate wish is a little disappointing, this anime series is a winner, hands down. 12/10? Okay, 10/10 then. Image via FUNimation Witch Hunter Robin Witch Hunter Robin Robin Sena is a powerful craft user drafted into the STNJ—a group of specialized hunters who fight deadly creatures known as Witches. Although her firepower is amazing, she has a lot to learn about her powers and working with her cool and aloof partner, Amon. But the truth about the Witches and herself will set Robin on a whole new path she never expected! Within moments of watching Witch Hunter Robin, I remembered that I've already seen it and then immediately got mad at myself for forgetting; it's a fantastically animated dark mythology with some clever and unique elements in it. I don't think I'll ever get a chance to finish the series when it's on the air, so now is the perfect time to do that. It's not as gory as June Taisen or anywhere near as sexed-up as Testament, but it's about some more mature themes in her stories. It also has a cool kind of punk horror feel, like The Craft or The Crow, which is rare but endearing; it was perfect content for Cartoon Network's Midnight Run. Even the credits sequences on this are great, even if they feel exactly like early 2000s Sunrise (dwe Cowboy Bebop, InuYasha, Outlaw Star, Gundan series, etc.). A slow burn, but worth it. 9/10 Image via FUNimation The Testament of Sister New Devil: Burst - Season 2 The Testament of Sister New Devil: Burst - 2 After two demon girls, Maria the succubus and Mio de demoness, force Basara into a contract that makes him their master, the trio forms a complicated master-servant master-servant Basara is the last descendant of a demon-fighting hero clan, but as master of two demon girls, he finds himself defending rather than fighting them. Limited Edition contains: Chipboard box Art book Fabric poster * all with special artworks that are not available on the standard edition release. These artworks feature the sexy demon girl characters in more attractive, less dressed variations, as opposed to the completely clean and safe standard edition version. Oh where to start with this... This is actually the second season of the anime, explaining why it jumps into battle without any explanation; it is also banned in China! What begins with an interesting and action-packed battle between War God Jin Tojo and the Demon Lord quickly jumps to a sex dream for one of Tojo's son Basara's two new stepsisters, Mio and Maria. Then, pretty much rinse and repeat the ecchi scenes in the rest of this story. There are girls in underwear pretending to be dogs to serve their master, breasts everywhere imaginable, occasional toe sucking or armpit-licking scene, lots of orgasms (due to all the tantric sex energy being channeled to increase fighting power, right? Right!) ... I think I pretty much gave up on this when one of the girls says, As a result, we were Basara's bitches. Beyond the over-sexualized fan service, it's a kind of vanilla people vs gods/demons story that ends in a big happy harem for Basara at the end, after defeating the evoked Chaos beast and the Heroic Monsters. The included OVA goes back to a slightly more innocent place, but it's still the same of thing in Tojo Basara's Perfectly Peaceful Daily Life. If it's your piece of anime, enjoy! 6/10 Image via Funimation Why 'Star Wars: The High Republic' Is Your New Star Wars Obsession The universe is expanding. About the author Dave Trumbore (9028 articles published) More by Dave Trumbore Trumbore